

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:       | )                                  |
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| MAHITO SHINOHARA            | : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned       |
|                             | : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned |
| Application No.: 10/644,850 | )<br>:                             |
| Filed: August 21, 2003      | )                                  |
| For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS | ) March 23, 2004                   |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application, filed herewith, as follows.